



YOUR PUBLIC LANDS NEED YOU TO...

LEND A HAND

Did you know that more than 1 in every 3 acres across America belongs to you, the American Public? That's over 900 million acres of land. We have a duty to care for the public lands we use and enjoy. Each of us can find a way to Take Pride in America and help maintain and enhance our lands for generations to come.

GET INVOLVED

Whether you are interested in spending the summer as a tour guide at a national park or working on a wildlife habitat restoration project, volunteer opportunities are available nationwide, often times in your own community.

To find a volunteer opportunity in your area or for information about planning your own Take Pride event, please visit our website at **www.TakePride.gov**.

PLAN A TAKE PRIDE PROJECT

Planning a Take Pride project is easy! Request event planning materials from our office, be sure your project plans promote the goals of Take Pride and register your event on our online calendar. Use the free Take Pride banner to hang at your project site or use the logo in some other way. After the event, send us pictures and a write up to include on our website or in our newsletter.

What's in it for you? It helps you recruit more volunteers, publicize what you're doing in your community and you'll become part of sharing the message to Take Pride in America!



Take Pride in America® is a national partnership program established by the U.S. Department of the Interior that aims to engage, support and recognize volunteers who work to improve our public parks, forests, waterways, grasslands, wildlife refuges, cultural and historic sites, local playgrounds and other recreation areas.

Reintroduced in 2003 with more than 100 partners, Take Pride now engages Federal, state and local governments; conservation, youth and recreation groups; and corporations and organizations. Together, we protect and enhance the special legacy all Americans share – our public lands that cover more than one in every three acres across the Nation.

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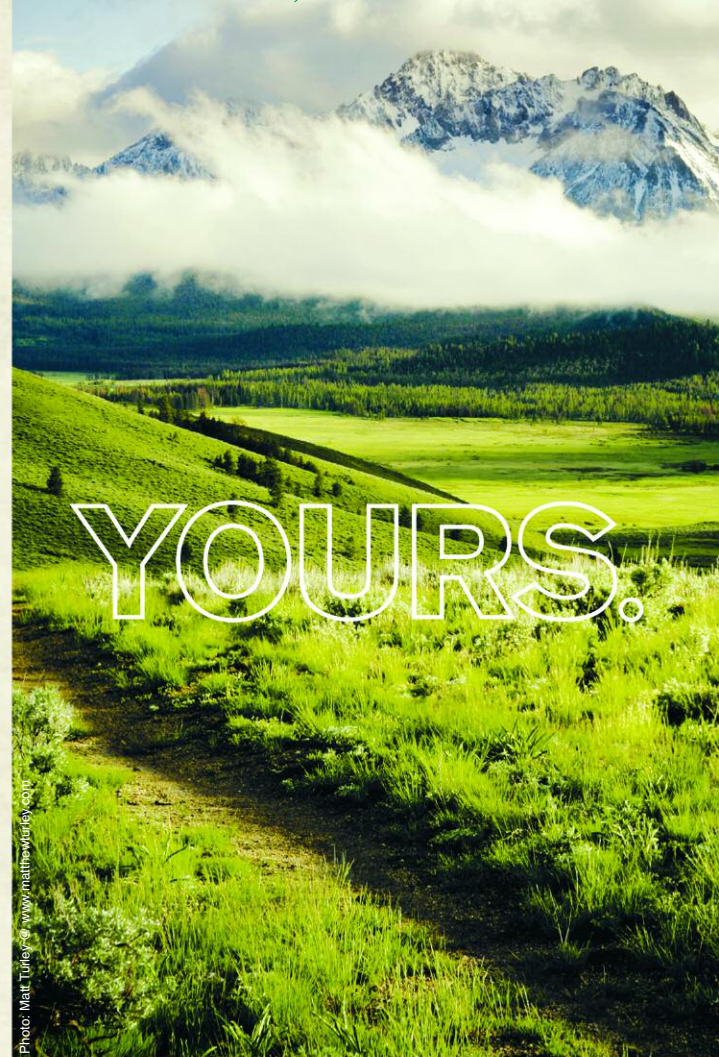
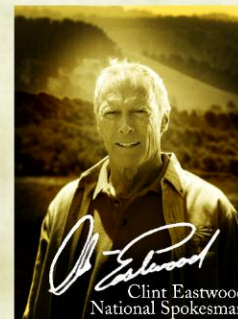
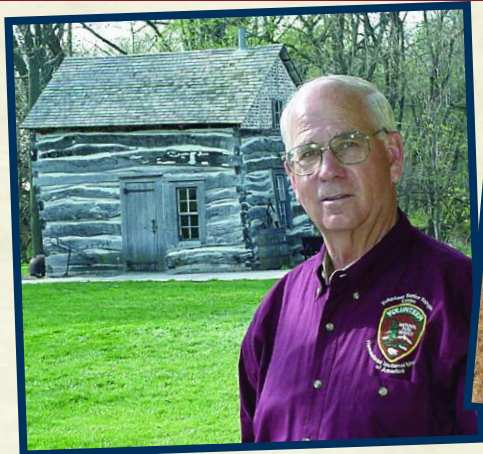


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Public lands make up over one-third of this great country, and they belong to each of us. From sidewalks outside our doors to beaches to distant mountain streams, we share it all. And together, we can protect it. Whether you'd like to organize a cleanup, be a campground host, or do something else, there's a way you can help. To find out more about the volunteer opportunities available, visit **www.TakePride.gov**.



TAKE PRIDE IN AMERICA®

Take Pride in America® is a partnership program that enables individuals, civic groups, corporations and others to volunteer in caring for the lands that we share. Our goal is to instill an active sense of ownership and responsibility for our natural, cultural and historic resources in every citizen.

OUR MISSION:

AWARENESS: Increase appreciation for our public lands and waters, and the sense of responsibility we all share to care for them.

ACTION: Invite all citizens to become engaged in helping to maintain our shared spaces.

AWARDS: Honor individuals and groups of volunteers for outstanding work on public lands.

PROGRAMS & PARTNERSHIPS

The **Take Pride Schools** program is a great way to involve the next generation in caring for our public lands. Take Pride Schools must complete two projects on public lands every school year and may be done by the whole school, a classroom or a club.

Every community across America can participate with the **Take Pride Cities** program. Ask your mayor for a commitment of hosting two Take Pride events each year and help spread the message of environmental stewardship neighborhood to neighborhood.

Teaming with the Ford Motor Company and the Bureau of Land Management, the **Save the Mustangs** fund allows the public to contribute to the long term care and placement of wild horses and burros.

Through the generous donation of vegetable, flower and herb seed packets by the America the Beautiful Fund, **Take Pride Gardens** can be planted all over the country.

The **Take Pride Partners** include major corporations, conservation groups, service and trade organizations, elected officials and government agencies. More than 100 partnering organizations offer support by sponsoring events, donating materials and lending resources for the Take Pride in America program.

Elected officials, such as members of Congress, governors and mayors, help to spread the message of volunteerism throughout their district, state or city. Partner with us to contribute in innovative ways!

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

GET RECOGNITION FOR YOUR WORK

Volunteering is its own reward, but there are others who want to say 'Thank You!' Volunteer awards and recognitions are available through Take Pride in America and many public land agencies.

A VARIETY OF AWARDS

Throughout the year, Take Pride gives many different awards to recognize outstanding volunteer efforts of the individuals and groups that make Take Pride a success.

NATIONAL AWARDS: You can nominate yourself or a group for one of our National Awards, given annually in a ceremony in Washington, DC.

HOURS OF SERVICE AWARDS: Individuals who have donated more than 3,000 or 4,000 hours of service on public lands receive the Secretarial or Presidential Awards, respectively.

SPECIAL AWARDS: Several special awards are given by participating elected officials for outstanding volunteer projects and exceptional garden programs that promote the mission of Take Pride.

IT'S YOUR LAND, LEND A HAND!

"You see so much abuse of public lands, but once it's gone, it's gone. If we can maintain it along the way, it'll be here forever for future generations. I think that's a very important thing."

— Clint Eastwood,
Take Pride National Spokesman

